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### The Plot to Kill the Pope

The attempted assassination of the pope should come as no surprise to anyone: the Russians have a long tradition of using any tool available to repress those whom they fear (INTERNATIONAL, Jan. 3). What does seem curious is the general lack of public outcry. During the '70s, revelations of much less sinister and heinous CIA covert actions were met with a hue and cry of moral indignation. Why the double standard? It is time to recognize the differences between our system and theirs—of attitude, rules and goals. The underlying cynicism of communism is unmatched in our culture.

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